THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) and (b) During the Ninth Meeting of the Indo-Soviet Working Group on Power held in Moscow in May, 1988, it was agreed that the Soviet side would render assistance in setting up an aggregate power generating capacity of 6000 MW, of which 4500 MW would be commissioned by the end of the Eighth Plan period (March, 1995) and the balance of 1500 MW in the Ninth Plan period.

Ratio of investment between India and Japan in Maruti Udyog Ltd.

522. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what was the ratio of investment between India and Japan in Maruti Udyog Ltd. at the time of the inception of the company;

(b) what are the profits/losses of the company, yearwise since its inception; and

(c) whether the Japanese collaborator viz. M/s. Suzuki have collected their share of profit and if so, whether the same has been repatriated to Japan or utilised in India in some other venture?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Government of India and Suzuki Motor Company of Japan held 74 per cent and 26 per cent equity respectively in MUL when the Joint Venture Agreement came into being.

(b) The Profits/Losses of Maruti Udyog Ltd. since inception, are as under:—

Year	Profit before tax (Rs. in crore)
1983-84 . . .	1.70
1984-85 . . .	0.90
1985-86 . . .	3.00
1986-87 . . .	10.23
1987-88 . . .	26.44

(c) No, Sir.

Increasing the pries of coal

523. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under the Government's consideration to enhance the prices of coal; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COAL IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI C. K. JAFFAR SHARIEF): (a) and (b) After considering the report of the Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices, which undertook an indepth study of the normative cost of production and various other factors including the impact of subsequent increases in costs, the effect of upward revision of coal prices on core sectors and on the national economy as a whole, the prices of various grades of coal produced by coal India Limited have been revised w.e.f. 23-12-1987.

The Bureau's report in respect of Singareni Collieries Company Limited, which was received later, is under the consideration of Government.

Failure of local inter-exchange calls

524. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the average rate of failure of local inter-exchange calls in the urban and rural areas in the country; and

(b) what measures are being taken by Government to reduce the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a)